बुनकरों को सस्ते सूत की सप्लाई

3884. **श्री मोहम्मद अमीन** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सूत के दामों में 60 प्रतिशत तक वृद्धि हुई है और इसके परिणामस्वरूप कपड़े की बिक्री न होने के कारण करघे बंद हो रहे हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने सूत का आयात करके इसे बुनकरों को सस्ती दर पर उपलब्ध कराने का वायदा करने के बावजूद अब तक इस संबंध में कोई समुचित व्यवस्था नहीं की है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनका मंत्रालय उन्हें सूत कब तक उपलब्ध कराने का विचार रखता है तथा रूई का कितनी मात्रा में आयात किये जाने की संभावना है और उसकी यहां तक पहुंचने की लागत क्या होगी और बुनकरों को यह सूत किन दरों पर उपलब्ध कराया जाएगा ?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) पिछले वर्ष के दौरान विभिन्न काउंटों के यार्न की कीमतों में 6.2 प्रतिशत से 50.4 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई जिसके परिणामस्वरूप हथकरघा क्षेत्र को कुछ कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ा है ।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार ने सूती यार्न की कीमतों में वृद्धि को रोकने के लिए निम्नलिखित कदम उठाए हैं :—

(1) स्टैपल रूई का निर्यात बंद कर दिया गया है ।

(2) अग्रिम लाइसेंसिंग योजना के अंतर्गत सूती यार्न/सूती फैब्रिक और मेड अप्स के निर्यात के बदले कपास के आयात की अनुमति देने का भी निर्णय किया गया है ।

(3) 60 वाले काउंटों तक के हैंक यार्न का निर्यात बंद कर दिया गया है ।

(4) हथकरघा क्षेत्र को सप्लाई करने की दृष्टि से हैंक यार्न के उत्पादन के लिए कपास की एक लाख गांठों के शुल्क मुक्त आयात का भी निर्णय किया गया है । इस योजना के अंतर्गत कपास की 95000 गांठों के आयात का अनुबंध पहले ही किया जा चुका है। कपास के शुल्क मुक्त आयात से होने वाला कीमत लाभ हथकरघा क्षेत्र तक पहुंचा दिया जाएगा ।

Requirement of cotton

3885. SHRI RAJANI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that against a requirement of 20 lakh bales of cotton, the present stock is only 15 lakh bales; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to meet the shortfall ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) According to the most recent estimate of the Cotton Advisory Board, the carry-over stock as on 1-9-1988 will be around 15 lakh bales. Government have already suspended export of staple cotton, permitted import of cotton on Advance Licencing basis against export of cotton yarn, cotton fabrics and made-ups and also permitted import of one lakh bales of medium/long staple cotton duty free during the current

cotton year. These measures have improved the availability of cotton and also led to decline in the cotton prices.

Release of Export quota of Cotton Bales

3886. SHRI RAJANI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been urged to release an export quota of bales of cotton; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the current cotton year 1987-88 exports of staple cotton have not been permitted in view of lower production and uptrend in cotton prices. The question of export of cotton during the 1988-89 cotton year will depend on the crop size, estimated domestic requirement and prices in the domestic and international markets in that year.

Counter Trade with Indonesia

3887. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :

SHRIMATI VEENA BERMA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Indonesia have agreed to explore possibilities of entering into counter-trade or such other mutually beneficial arrangement for import of bulk items which could be linked to exports to Indonesia; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) In the last senior officials level meeting on trade and economic relations between India and Indonesia held in New Delhi from 3—5 August, 1988, it was noted that in view of the possibilities of India purchasing bulk items like Palm oil, rubber, tin etc., the State Trading Corporation of India and organisations to be identified by the Indonesian side, would meet and explore the possibilities of entering into counter trade or other mutually beneficial arrangements for import of these bulk items linked to exports to Indonesia.

Arrangement made by STC for Packing Imported Palmolin

3888. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state .

(a) what arrangement State Trading Corporation (STC) are having for packing of imported 'Palmolin' edible oil with private parties along with their names and addresses, quantity offered to be packed, monthly, annually, terms, packing and other charges, transportation local|for destination, period of agreement and since when; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Chairman of the STC has recently taken a policy decision to encourage for setting up of new ancillary small scale units Zonewise|Regionwise|Statewise for packing of Palmolin edible oil to make easy availability at more reasonable price particularly to weaker sections of the society even to remote places and the new 20-Point Economic Programme of the Prime Minister to generate more employment and to end poverty speedily, regionwise besides packing assignment of STC should not remain the monopoly of influensive Packing unit; if so, what are the complete details of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Dispute between the General Insurance Corporation and Gujarat State Co-operative Bank over crop Insurance

3889. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH :

SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN :